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orders for
PLAIN OR ORNAMENTAL PRINTING
of all kinds and in the most perfect man-
ner. The business of the old firm, and all other work
entrusted to him will meet with prompt attention.
THOMAS MCGILL,
Seventh street, between 9th and 10th.
Three doors below Odd Fellows' Hall.
Jan 4-60m

\$50 REWARD—I will give the above
mentioned reward for the apprehension
and delivery to me, of ANN, who calls
herself Ann Johnson, and who ran away from me
on Saturday night, the 8th instant. She is about
24 years old, 5 feet, four or five inches high, light
black complexion, with full round face, of good
figure, and likely. She has a variety of clothing
and took with her her feather bed and bedding.
WM. F. PHILLIPS,
dec 10-60m

NEW YORK HATS.
I WISH ALL GENTLEMEN WHO ARE IN
the habit of wearing hats to be informed that
the plan which I have adopted six months ago,
of selling HATS and CAPS
at greatly reduced prices,
for only 10 cents, will prove to be a
benefit to those who pay cash have
the benefit of cash, and are not
charged twenty-five per
cent. extra profit to offset
bad debts.
The very best and most fashionable DRESS
HATS, at \$3.50, equal to any usually sold at \$5,
and the best \$5 Hat south of New York, and a
first-class, durable, and fashionable Hat, at \$3.50.
A full supply of black and brown FELT HATS,
and Children's Fancy Goods, at very low prices.
Small profits and quick sales is the motto.
ANTHONY BAKER, Practical Hatter,
Seventh street, near Pennsylvania avenue,
Opposite Dexter's Hotel.

I have made arrangements with one of the best
tailors in Philadelphia to keep constantly
supplied with the very best and most fashionable
French calf-skin sewed BOOTS, warranted
French calf, or no sale, which I offer for the un-
precedented low price of \$6.25. I have shown
them to competent judges, who have selected me
to be the best Boots for the price in the United
States.
I also have a splendid sewed GAITER BOOT,
of the very best quality, and which I offer for
one of the latest style, for \$5.50.
Competition is out of the question. All ask for
gentlemen to come and see for themselves.
Terms positively cash. dec 6-60m

H. SEMKEN, Jeweler,
330 Pennsylvania avenue, between 9th and 10th streets,
HAS RECEIVED AND OPENED THIS DAY
a magnificent assortment of fine and
rich imported JEWELRY, such as For-
maline and Roman Money, French and Italian
and Corals, Garnets, Cameos, and a var-
ety of richly chased Gold Jewelry of any de-
scription, the very latest styles. Also, a new lot
of fine London and Geneva WATCHES, warranted
timekeepers.
FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.
A splendid assortment of the Silverware, Pitch-
ers, Castors, Creams, Goblets, Cups, Forks and
Spoons, (sterling), Fish, and Yell Knives,
Butter and Food Knives, Soup and Oyster Ladles,
Preserve, Sugar and Cream Spoons, Salt Cellars,
Napkin Rings, etc., etc.
SILVER PLATED WARE, ON ALBATA.
Castors, Baskets, Butterboats, Urns, Forks and
Spoons.
FANCY ARTICLES.
French Clocks, Dresden China Ornaments, in
various Cases, Portmonnaies, Cigar Cases.
And also a large assortment of
SPECTACLES
in Gold, Silver and Steel. Frames, to suit every
eye and age; Eye Glasses, Congress Specs, and
Opera Glasses.
We take pleasure in showing our goods to
all, whether purchasers or not.
All our goods are warranted as represented,
and sold at the lowest possible price.
Jewelry and Silverware made to order;
Diamonds remounted; Gold Pens re-pointed, and
Engraving on Stone executed at short notice.
Chronometers and all kinds of fine Watches and
Musical Boxes put in perfect order.
H. SEMKEN, Jeweler,
330 Pa. avenue, between 9th and 10th sts.
dec 11-60m

MARRIAGE GUIDE.
DR. YOUNG'S POCKET ESCULAPIUS;
Or, Every One his own Physician.
BEING OBSERVATIONS ON MARRIAGE
and the various diseases to which the human
MALE'S EARLY DECLINE, with di-
rections for its perfect cure. Being a Confidential
Sole Friend and Private Adviser; followed by
Observations on the Treatment of Venereal Dis-
eases, Gonorrhea, Gleet, Stricture, and all dis-
eases of the Urinary Organs, with Plates, and Dia-
grams, and all kinds of fine Watches and
Musical Boxes put in perfect order.
H. SEMKEN, Jeweler,
330 Pa. avenue, between 9th and 10th sts.
dec 11-60m

"Swamp and Overflowed Lands."
PUBLIC NOTICE—PURSUANT TO THE
instructions of the Secretary of the Interior,
public notice is hereby given that, in order to
bring to close the business under the act of Con-
gress approved September 28, 1850, entitled, "An
act to enable the State of Arkansas, and other
States, to reclaim the swamp lands within their
limits," and at the same time afford to parties
claiming that portions of the swamp lands, un-
der said law are dry and fit for cultivation, an op-
portunity to introduce evidence, all lands so
selected, to the approval whereof no objection be
made within six months from the date hereof,
and the said lands, and the same, shall be sold
under the provisions of the said act.
Such objections as are contemplated by the
above must be made under oath, and filed with
the register and receiver of the proper land office
for transmission to the General Land Office. The
proper forms for affidavits are in the hands of
said offices.
The following clauses of land are exempt from
objection, to-wit:
1. Lands entered with cash, or located with
military bounty land warrants or scrip, after the
passage of the act of 28th September, 1850, and
prior to the passage of the act of 24 March, 1855,
for the relief of purchasers and locators of swamp
and overflowed lands.
2. Lands already patented to the State under the
swamp law.
In all cases where objection is raised, testimony
must be taken before the register and receiver of
the land office, and such objection must be made
and filed with the register and receiver of the
said six months, as they may appoint with the
consent of the Commissioner of the General Land
Office.
The lists of swamp and overflowed lands are
open to inspection during the regular business
hours of the Land Office.
Given under my hand, at the City of Washing-
ton, this 21st day of December, 1855.
THOS. A. HENDRICKS,
Commissioner General Land Office.
Jan 10-60m

GIFT BOOKSTORE!
A GENERAL SELECTION OF STANDARD
AND STATIONERY for sale at
HILBURN'S MUSIC DEPOT, corner of 9th and
10th streets, between 9th and 10th streets.
GREAT INDUCEMENT.
EVERY PURCHASER RECEIVES A GIFT.
Each article is sold at the usual retail price, and
for every dollar purchased, a seal is given, and
drawn by the buyer, containing the name of some
gift, which is presented on the spot. Among the
gifts are Gold Watches, Jewelry, Music, Fancy
and Toilet Articles, &c.
HILBURN'S MUSIC DEPOT,
Corner Pa. av. and 10th st.
dec 8-60m

S. P. HOOVER'S
Boot, Shoe, and Trunk Establishment,
Iron Hall, Pa. avenue, between 9th and 10th sts.
I HAVE JUST RECEIVED FOR LADIES,
MISSSES, AND CHILDREN, Cloth,
Buttons, Buckskin, lined Buttons, Healed
GAITERS, also, thick and thin Gaiters;
Brown, Black and Buff, and all other styles,
worth \$2. Ladies Alpina Button Gaiters, \$3.50;
French White Satin Alpina SLIPPERS, Gen-
tlemen's French Patent Leather BOOTS and
Gaiters, all colors, Boys' and Youth's
Patent Leather and Calf BOOTS and SHOES.
My stock of Fall and Winter Wear, recently se-
lected from the most celebrated manufacturers, is
very superior.
I promise to offer unusual inducements, and re-
spectfully solicit your patronage and inducement.
dec 14-60m S. P. HOOVER

COULT'S ALLEN'S ROBBINS, and LAW,
and six barrel PISTOLS. Also, a good assort-
ment of single barrel PISTOLS, from 75 cents to \$5
each. American RAZORS of the best quality,
each razor warranted. For sale by
E. K. LUNDY,
dec 11 No 128 Bridge street, Georgetown.
CASAS, WORK BOXES, CHINA GOODS,
AND CASES, PORTMONNAIES, &c., &c.,
at 306 Pa. avenue, between 9th and 10th streets.
JOHN F. ELLIS,
dec 20
JONAS P. LEVY,
IMPORTER OF
WINES, LIQUORS, CIGARS, AND FINE
GROCERIES,
General Commission and Forwarding Merchant
INSURANCE AND BILL BROKER,
No 474 Pa. av., two doors below U. S. Hotel,
near of Pa. avenue and 11th street.
N. B.—Country Merchants are requested to give
me a call before purchasing elsewhere.
A GENERAL INVITATION TO EX-
amine one of the largest and best assortments
of Parisian Grand, Square, and Rondell PIANOS,
ever exhibited to Washington public. Persons
wishing to purchase, will find that they can be
accommodated on the most liberal terms, by early
application at the Music Depot, Star Buildings,
GEO. HILBURN, Agent.
Constantly in receipt of NEW MUSIC.
dec 24-60m

GUTTA PERCHA TEETH.
THE UNDERSIGNED HAVE BEEN IN
the habit of sending our patron to Dr. Crosby
for Dental operations for a number of years, and
take pleasure in recommending him to the citi-
zens of Washington as the best tooth extractor
and dental operator that we have ever met with.
He inserts teeth upon every plan that is practised
in the United States.
Geo. F. Holdman, M. D. B. W. Towles, M. D.
J. V. Payne, M. D., D.D.S. John F. Miller, M. D.
John Bryant, M. D. Charles M. D., D.D.S.
S. M. Harris, M. D. Samuel F. Brown, M. D.
Wm. Taylor, M. D. M. F. Francisco, M. D.
Office corner Ford & Leno's, No. 230, corner of
11th street and Pa. avenue. nov 31-60m

DR. O. MUNSON, AT 310 PA. AVENUE,
is mounting Teeth on a Gutta
Percha Base. Also, with Allen's pa-
tient continuous gum, combining beauty
and strength and cleanliness.
Dr. M. is determined to keep pace with every
improvement in Dentistry, and will strive to please
and profit his patrons.
REFERENCE:
Rev. Dr. Gurley, Hon. R. H. Gillet,
Dr. Blinney, Hon. A. A. Douglas,
Hon. C. Mason, Hon. R. P. Patterson,
Hon. A. O. Nicholson, Dr. R. Coolidge,
and the Medical Faculty of Georgetown Col-
lege. nov 23-60m

MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND VIS-
ITORS TO WASHINGTON
ARE RESPECTFULLY INFORMED that
AT TAYLOR & MAURY'S BOOK AND
STATIONERY STORE, Pennsylvania avenue,
near Ninth street, they will meet all their require-
ments. Their extensive stock, in addition to the
following important works, comprises every de-
partment of Literature, Science, and Art.
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Jefferson's Works, 9 vols.
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 vol.
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 vols.
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 The Federalist, 2 vols.
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 tions, 1 vol.
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 Every description of American, English, and
 French LITERATURE of the finest quality, at
the lowest prices.
Visiting Cards engraved and printed with the
greatest promptitude.
TAYLOR & MAURY'S,
near 9th street.
Jan 8-60m

TOPHAM & NORFLETT'S
NEW AND CHEAP
SADDLERY, HARNESS AND TRUNK STORE,
499 Seventh st., opposite Odd Fellows' Hall.
MESSRS. TOPHAM &
NORFLETT of this city,
respectfully announce to
their friends and the public, that they have com-
pleted the Siding Business, at the above stand,
where they will make and keep constantly on
hand a large and superior assortment of—Men's
Ladies', and Boys' SADDLES, BRIDLES,
MARTINGALES, and WHIPS. HARNESS OF
every description, both for city and country use.
All kinds of TRUNKS, VALISES, and CAR-
PET BAGS. LADIES' SATCHELS, TRAVEL-
ING BASKETS, and FANCY WORK BOXES.
HORSE BLANKETS, COVERS, COLLARS,
and all other articles pertaining to the trade.
H. SEMKEN, Jeweler,
330 Pa. avenue, between 9th and 10th sts.
dec 11-60m

JOHN H. SMOOT, NO. 119 SOUTH SIDE
J Bridge street, near High, Georgetown, D. C.
received an additional supply of Fall and
Winter GOODS, making his assortment very
complete.
In his stock will be found a first-rate assort-
ment of—Dress Goods
Black and Col'd Cloths, for Cloaks
Stella, Brocha, and Bay State Shawls
With a good assortment of the best makes Flan-
nels, Blankets, and Dry Goods generally.
My stock being desirable and cheap, purchasers
will find it to their advantage to call before being
fully supplied.
J. H. SMOOT
dec 21-60m

WIGS AND TOUPEES.
CITIZENS AND STRANGERS ARE RE-
spectfully informed that the best assortment
of WIGS and TOUPEES are to be found at
HEARD'S HAIR DRESSING ESTABLISH-
MENT, and WIG MANUFACTORY, Sixth St.
National Hotel.
Wigs and Toupees made on the shortest notice.
Also, a good assortment of Ladies Hair—
just arrived from New York. dec 11-60m

COFFIN WAREHOUSE, &c.
J. WILLIAM PLANT & CO., UNDERTAK-
ERS, 8th and 9th streets.
J. KERS—residence 604 H Street.
Internets procured in any ground
ever exhibited to Washington public. Persons
wishing to purchase, will find that they can be
accommodated on the most liberal terms, by early
application at the Music Depot, Star Buildings,
GEO. HILBURN, Agent.
Constantly in receipt of NEW MUSIC.
dec 24-60m

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GEO. HILBURN, Agent.
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dec 24-60m

REMOVAL.
THE SUBSCRIBER WOULD MOST RE-
spectfully inform his customers and the
public generally, that he has removed his
Store from the south to the north side of Pa.
avenue, between Eleventh and Twelfth
streets, where he will keep all well-selected
assortment of the best and latest style of FRENCH
CLOTHS, CASSIMERES, VESTINGS, AND
GENTLEMEN'S FURNISHING GOODS. As
the excellent business stand will enable him to
do a much larger business, he feels assured that
he will furnish gentlemen's Garments on more
moderate terms than heretofore. Having procured
for a number of years in Germany, England and
France, he is confident that he can please all those
who may favor him with a call. Feeling grate-
ful for past favors he solicits a continuance of the
same.
F. SCHAFFER
Merch. Tailor.
nov 12

COUGHS, COLDS, HOARSENESS, &c.
PERSONS predisposed to Pulmonary Af-
fections and this the most trying season, owing
to the sudden changes in temperature; yet by a
little care, adopting warm clothing and supply-
ing themselves with good prescription or cough
remedy they may easily ward off what may else
prove a dangerous winter companion. TY-
LER'S COMPOUND GUM ARABIC SYRUP
has been so long known and highly appreciated
as one of our most innocent, yet efficacious, in-
fant, and (since the reduction in price,) economi-
cal remedies, that it may be recommended and
used with the utmost confidence. It is sold at 25
cents, or three bottles for 75 cents. Wholesale
by PATTERSON & NAIN, at 201 Broadway,
CO.; and retail by most Druggists. In Alexan-
dria by PEEL & STEVENS; Georgetown by
Mr. CISELL. oct 2

NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT.
WE ARE COMPELLED TO ANNOUNCE
to the subscribers to the PRIZE EM-
BROIDERY RAFFLE, that we shall have to
postpone the drawing for a few days, on ac-
count of there being still a number of chances not
yet taken. Those persons wishing to subscribe will
oblige us by giving us their names early, as we
do not wish to delay the drawing any longer than
we can help. We will state the day for drawing
in a future advertisement.
CLAGETT, NEWTON, MAY & CO.,
Jan 14 Cor. Penn. avenue and Ninth street.

S. P. HOOVER,
Iron Hall Boot, Shoe and Trunk Establish-
ment.
I HAVE THIS DAY RECEIVED FOR LAD-
IES, GENTS, MISSSES, and CHILDREN'S
SNOW OVER SHOES, Gum Boots,
Gossamer and Sandals. Also, Buckskin
lined Shoes, double sole and water-proof
Boots, all of which I will sell low for cash.
All in want please call and examine for your-
selves.
S. P. HOOVER,
Iron Hall, bet. 9th and 10th sts., Pa. av.
Jan 10

CLOTHING MADE TO ORDER.
MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, CITIZENS
and Strangers wishing to suit themselves
with superior garments, made to order, are invited
to examine our superior assortment of Doekins,
Cloths, Cassimeres, Silk, Satin and Velvet Vest-
ings, all of which has been selected with an ex-
plicit view to the wants of our customers, who
we will make to measure in a manner inferior to
none, at much cheaper rates than the usual city
prices.
WALL & STEPHENS,
306 Pa. avenue, between 9th and 10th streets.
Also, 394 Pa. avenue, 34 door east of the National
Hotel. Jan 23-60m

THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW.
Published Quarterly, on the first days of Janu-
ary, April, July, and October. In numbers of
nearly three hundred pages each, at Five Dollars
a year.
Contents of No. CLXX, for January, 1856.
Article I. Life, Services, and Works of Henry
Wheaton
" II. Bartoli's Pictures of Europe
" III. Statistics of Insanity in Massachusetts
" IV. Sydney
" V. The Romish Hierarchy
" VI. History of the Jacobin Club
" VII. Varon's Memoirs
" VIII. The Pacific Railroad
" IX. German Poetry
" X. American Emigration to America
" XI. Critical Notices.
The North American Review has now attained
its 171th number, and is published without
intermission for more than forty years. It is the
oldest American Periodical devoted to general
literature and science, and its reputation has been
steadily maintained, both in this country and in
Europe. It is the leading journal of the United
States within its appropriate department. Supplied
for the publishers by FRANK TAYLOR.
Jan 15

United States Patent Office,
Washington, Jan. 22, 1856.
ON THE PETITION OF JOSEPH H. BUR-
ton, of Cincinnati, Ohio, praying for
the extension of a patent granted to him on the
23d day of April, 1842, for an improvement in
"Mill Stones," for seven years from the ex-
piration of said patent, which takes place on the
23d day of April, 1856.
It is ordered, that the petition be heard at the
Patent Office on Monday, the 7th of April next, at
12 o'clock in the day; and all persons are notified to ap-
pear and show cause, if any they have, why said
patent should not be extended.
Persons opposing the extension are required to
file in the Patent Office their objections, specially
set forth in writing, at least twenty days before
the day of hearing; all testimony filed by either
party to be used in the hearing, and the matter to be
transmitted in accordance with the rules of the
office, which will be furnished on application.
The testimony in the case will be closed on the
27th of March; depositions and other papers
relied upon as testimony must be filed in the of-
fice on or before the morning of that day; the argu-
ments, if any, within ten days thereafter.
Ordered, also, that this notice be published in
the United States Patent Office, Washington,
D. C.; Argus, Baltimore Patriot, United States
Herald, Pa.; Journal of Commerce, New
York; and Enquirer, Cincinnati, Ohio, once a
week for three successive weeks previous to the 7th
day of April next, the day of hearing.
GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF THE
COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS.
P. S.—Editors of the above papers will please
copy, and send their bills to the Patent Office,
Washington, containing this notice.
Jan 21-60m

TWO SUPERB PIANOS RECEIVED
this day, in addition to our usual ex-
tensive supply, makes our stock the most complete
in the city. Give us a call if you wish a good
and cheap instrument.
JOHN F. ELLIS,
306 Pa. avenue, between 9th and 10th sts.
dec 23

"AN EXCELLENT SHAVE."—This re-
mark was made by Mr. Jones after trying
one of my American Razor Razors. Others
have said the same after using my Tally-ho, or a
Double Carbonized IXL. There are no tears shed
while using one of these Razors.
G. FRANCIS,
dec 31
BAGLEY'S FINEST GOLD PENS, IN
gold and silver cases, for sale for the manu-
facturers, at their lowest retail prices, and to the
trade at their lowest wholesale prices.
Also, Morton's short-bar Gold Pens, differing
essentially in their construction from any others,
and suiting the requirements of many who have
hitherto been unable to make use of any metallic
pen-stave.
FRANK TAYLOR,
Jan 10

BOYS' WINTER CLOTHING.
A large addition to our usually extensive
assortment of first quality Boys' and Children's
CLOTHING, which we will offer to our custom-
ers and the public at unusually low prices.
OUR STOCK CONSISTS OF—
OVER COATS and TALMANS
Fine cloth ROUNDABOUTS and JACKETS
Fine and common PANTALOONS
Silk, Satin, and Merino VESTS
UNDERSHIRTS and DRAWERS
CAPS, SUSPENDERS, HOSIERY, &c., &c.
Making our stock of Boys' and Children's
Clothing very large and complete.
WALL & STEPHENS,
322 Pa. avenue, bet. 9th and 10th street,
next to Iron Hall.
OPERA GLASSES.—The largest and cheap-
est assortment in the city at
JOHN F. ELLIS,
306 Pa. avenue, between 9th and 10th sts.
dec 31
MADAME DEVOS
FROM PARIS AND NEW YORK
MADAME DEVOS' MILLINERY HAS AR-
rived, and is now opened for inspection at
No 504 Pennsylvania avenue, next to the
Washington Hotel, &c. is respectfully invited.
Jan 24-60m

BALLS.
THE FOURTH ANNUAL BALL
OF THE
MONTGOMERY GUARDS,
WILL BE GIVEN AT
THE WASHINGTON ASSEMBLY ROOMS
MONDAY EVENING, Feb. 4th, 1856.
THE MONTGOMERY GUARDS beg leave
to inform their friends, civil and military,
that they will give their fourth annual Ball on
MONDAY EVENING, February 4th, 1856. In
making this announcement the Guards pledge
themselves that no pains will be spared to make
this as agreeable as any they have hereto-
fore.
Refreshments and Supper will be served by an
experienced caterer.
A most excellent band of music is selected for
the occasion.
No hats or caps to be worn in the ball room ex-
cept by the military.
Committee of Arrangements.
Capt Key, Corp'l Nihil, Priv McNichol,
Sgt Burry, Lt Keller, Priv O'Leary,
Sgt Murray, Priv Jiridin, Qr M Maher.
Engle Hall
Jan 25-60m

BALL
FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE
Poor of the Seventh Ward.
THE CITIZENS BEING DESIROUS OF
relieving, in some measure, the sufferings of
the Poor of their Ward, have concluded to give a
Ball for that purpose on
TUESDAY EVENING, February 5th, 1856,
AT ISLAW HALL.
They appeal to the benevolent throughout the
city to assist them in this laudable undertaking.
Tickets ONE DOLLAR, admitting a gentle-
man and ladies—to be procured from any of the
Managers.
Managers.
P. M. Pearson, E. S. Allen, Q. L. Page,
Dr. J. Morgan, Jas E. Johnson, Thos E. Lloyd,
J. Pettibone, J. Humphrey, E. Polkinton,
J. Van Riewick, Thos Wheeler, Jacob Wilson,
Thos Milburn, Wm Tucker, J. R. Elvans,
B. S. Kinsey, W. Camack, J. W. Camberger
J. H. DeHille, S. Stevenson, A. R. Harvey,
J. B. Clark, Thos W. T. T. Cassel,
R. T. Knight, S. Humphrey, D. Johnson,
L. R. Holmead, J. M. Young, Jones Ellis,
Jos Cornwell, J. W. Martin, John Stevenson,
W. R. Riley, J. L. Smith, David Hepburn.
Wm Asdown, W. T. Walker.
Committee of Arrangements.
J. E. Johnson, Thos E. Lloyd, John Dudley,
W. T. Walker, Levi Jones, Peter Egan,
Joshua Dulin, W. Camack, Jr.
Jan 28-60m O. BOSWELL, Treasurer.

SOIREES.
FULLY ANNOUNCES to the public that his Soirees
will take place every WEDNESDAY EVEN-
ING.
These entertainments are considered by all who
have attended them to be the most sociable that
has ever been given in this city.
Jan 22-60m

ALUNATIC.—TRUENAN DE MOTT, A
Lunatic, with sandy hair and florid complexion,
escaped from his home and friends in the
town of Elery, N. Y., some time since, and it is
thought he has made his way to Washington.
His relatives are most anxious to obtain
information where he is, and any one who may
hear of him will be suitably rewarded for drop-
ping a line to the editor of the Star.
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OFFICIAL.
TREASURY DEPARTMENT, Dec. 1, 1855.
Notice is hereby given to holders of stocks of
the United States that this Department will pur-
chase to the amount of \$1,500,000 of said stocks
at any time when the same may be offered prior to
the 1st day of June next, and will pay therefor the
following prices, to-wit:
For stock of the loan of 1842, a premium of ten
per cent; for stock of the loans of 1847 and 1848,
a premium of sixteen per cent; for stock issued
under the act of 1850, commonly called Texas-in-
demnity stock, a premium of six per cent; and
for stock of the loan of 1846, redeemable on the
12th November, 1846, if received at the Treasury
prior to the 1st day of January next, a premium
of 2 1/2 per cent; if received between the 1st Janu-
ary and the 31st of March next, a premium of
2 per cent; and if received after the 31st of March
and prior to said 1st of June next, a premium of
1 1/2 per cent.
Interest will also be allowed on said stocks at the
rates specified in the certificates, from the 1st
July last, if assigned with the principal of the
certificates received prior to the 1st of January
next. After that date the interest will be allowed
in addition to the premium from 1st of January
to the date of their receipt. In both cases one day's
interest will be allowed in addition for the money
to reach the seller.
Certificates transmitted to this Department un-
der the present notice should be duly assigned to the
United States (with the current half year's in-
terest, if sent prior to the 1st of January next) by
the party entitled to receive the purchase money.
Payment for these stocks will be made by drafts
upon the assistant treasurers at Boston, New York,
or Philadelphia, as the parties entitled to receive
the money may direct.
JAMES GUTHRIE,
dec 3-60m Secretary of the Treasury.

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With many other Winter Goods to be closed
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Jan 28-60m

EVENING STAR.
THE SLIGHTED SCHOLAR.
Cases like the one I am about to relate are
much too frequent in our country, and they
are such, too, as should be guarded against by
all who have an interest in education. The
incident was brought to mind by hearing a
complaint made by the parent of the poor
boy, who had been grossly neglected by the
teacher of the village school—neglected sim-
ply because he was poor and comparatively
friendless.
Many years ago, when I was a small boy,
I attended school in the town of—
Among the boys there was a boy named
George Henry. His father was a poor, drink-
ing man, and the unfortunate boy had to
suffer in consequence. George came to school
habited in ragged garments—but they were
the best he had; he was rough and uncouth
in his manners, for he had been brought up
in that manner; he was very ignorant, for
he had never had the opportunity of an edu-
cation.
Season after season poor George Henry oc-
cupied the same seat in the school room—it
was a back corner seat, away from the
other scholars—and there he thumbed his
primer. The ragged condition of his garb
gave a homely cast to his whole appearance;
and what of intelligence there might have
been in his countenance was occluded by the
outer covering of the boy. He seldom played
with the other children, for they seemed to
spurn him, but when he did, for a while, join
with them in their sports, he was so rough that
he was soon shooed out of the way.
The teacher passed the poor boy coldly in
the street, while other boys, in better garb,
were kindly noticed. In the school young
Henry was coldly treated. The teacher neg-
lected him, and then called him an "idle
blockhead" because he did not learn. The
boy received no incentive to study, and conse-
quently he was most of the time idle, and
idleness beget a disposition to while away the
time in mischief. For this he was whipped,
and the more he was whipped the more idle
and careless he became. He knew that he
was neglected by the teacher simply because
he was poor and ragged, and with a sullen
indifference, sharpened at times by feelings of
bitterness, he plodded on his dark, thankless
way.
Thus matters went for several years. Most
of the scholars who were of George Henry's
age had passed on to the higher branches of
study, while the poor fellow plodded on words
of one and two syllables, and still kept his
distant seat in the corner. His father had
sunk lower in the pit of inebriation, and the
unfortunate boy was more wretched than
ever.
The look of clownish indifference which had
marked his countenance was now giving way
to a shade of unhappy thought and feeling,
and it was evident that the great turn point
of his life was at hand. He stood now upon
the step in life from which the fate of years
must take its cast.
At this time a man by the name of Kelly took
charge of the school. He was an old
teacher, a careful observer of human nature,
and a really good man. Long years of guar-
dianship over wild youths had given him a
blunt, authoritative way, and in his discipline
he was strict and unwavering.
The first day he passed in the teacher's desk
of our school was mostly devoted to words
of the movements of the scholars, and studying
the dispositions with which he had to deal.
Upon George Henry his eye rested with a
keen, searching glance. But he evidently
made little of him during the first day, but on
the second day he did more.
It was during the afternoon of the second
day that Mr. Kelley observed young Henry
engaged in idling upon the point of a
lawn. He went to the boy's seat, and
reprimanded him for his idleness; he took up
the dirty, tattered primer from his desk.
"Have you never learned more than in this
book?" asked the teacher.
"No, sir," drawled George.
"How long have you attended school?"
"I don't know, sir. It's ever since I can
remember."
Then you must be an idle, reckless boy,"
said the teacher with much severity. "Do
you realize how many years you have thrown
away? Do you know how much you have lost?
What sort of a man do you think of
making in this way? One of these days you
will be too old to go to school, and then, while
your companions are seeking some honorable
employment, you will be good for nothing.
Have you any parents?"
"Yes, sir," answered the boy, in a hoarse,
subdued voice.
"And do you wish you to grow up an igno-
rant, worthless man?"
The boy hung down his head and was silent,
but Mr. Kelley saw two great tears roll down
his cheeks. In an instant the teacher said
that he had something besides an idle, stub-
born mind to deal with in the ragged scholar
before him. He laid his hand upon the boy's
head, and in a kind tone, said:
"I wish you to stop after school is dismissed.
Do not be afraid, for I wish to assist you if I
can."
George looked up wonderingly into the mas-
ter's face, for there was something in the tones
of the voice which fell upon his ear that
sounded strangely to him, and he thought too,
as he looked around, that the rest of the
scholars regarded him with kinder counten-
ances than usual. A dim thought broke upon
him that, from some cause, he was going to
be happier than before.
After the school was dismissed, George Hen-
ry remained in his seat till the teacher
called him to his desk.
"Now," said Mr. Kelley, "I wish to know
how it is that you have never learned any
more. You look bright,